

Independent Planning Commission.

Eagleton Ridge Disability Services (ERDS) is a registered Service Provider with the NDIS. ERDS commenced service in 1999 operating from our property at 100 Six Mile Rd Eagleton. Currently ERDS employs 70 staff and uses the services of multiple contractors. ERDS maintains 4 houses in Raymond Terrace, 2 utilised for Supported Independent Living (SIL) which is permanent accommodation, 1 utilised for day activity services and 1 house for Respite or temporary accommodation. Approx 30 staff are employed at these facilities with 3 houses utilising 24 hour staffing.

Our 25 acre property at Six Mile Rd employs 30 staff and is paramount to the service ERDS provides in the Disabled community. There are 2 units each containing 3 bedrooms accommodating 6 high needs Participants. These units are staffed around the clock and are the permanent homes for these 6 people. There are 2 office spaces for Administration. A workshed for Maintenance staff, a 3 bedroom annex for staff rental accommodation and a purpose specific undercover entertainment area incorporating a Spa unit. This entertainment area is a crucial part of the complex on this property. It is used by other NDIS Service Providers as well as for the clients utilising our services in Raymond Terrace. The spa is available 7 days per week. This complex is also used for Movie nights, Sporting events, Disco nights, Birthday parties and celebrations, participant recreational activities including physical therapy and arts and crafts. Our clients also interact with the farm animals on this property.

The Boral quarry is located approx just over 2 km from the building complex on the property. They have existed there since 1991, well before ERDS came into being. My wife and I purchased the property in 1989 and so had nearly 10 years of living with the existence of Boral quarry before we opened the service. We would never have done so if the Boral Quarry had impacted our property in those 10 years prior to opening. The Boral quarry have never impacted the environment within which ERDS has operated in. It is important to state that Boral quarry are a known entity, the proposed Eagleton Quarry are an UNKNOWN entity. It is important for us to make the following points.

- 1) The proposed Quarry is closer to us than the existing Boral Quarry. It is approx 1000 metres from the building on our land.
- 2) ERDS has existed at 100 Six Mile Rd since its inception 1999.
- 3) The infrastructure on our site has grown over the years to incorporate Permanent accommodation for 6 high needs people with a disability. A purpose specific Outdoors Entertainment area used for activities such as Movie nights, Disco nights, Sports telecasts such as football finals etc, Spa activities and physio sessions, and other activities such as birthdays etc.
- 4) The last visit by planning Representatives on our site was over 6 years ago and its grown since then.
- 5) Our Supported Independent Living (SIL) Houses and Respite house in Raymond Terrace all use the Six Mile Rd property for external activities.
- 6) Should there be issues resulting from activities associated with the quarry which affect the integrity of our property at 6 mile, this will have repercussions on the stability of ERDS including employment (ERDS employs over 70 staff and 20 contractors) and Participant facilities.
- 7) On the 11/03/24 I sent an email to Mr James McDonough from Planning advising that the proponent of the quarry Mr Darren Williams and his consultant Mr Jonathen Berry from Wedgetail consulting met us onsite and we had a discussion. There were a number of outcomes from this discussion which were detailed in this email. There was also a request made for Planning to send a representative/s to our site (as they did over 6 years ago) so they could see our facilities and again understand our location and growth since the last visit. We have not had a reply to this email nor a

reply from messages left on Mr McDonough's phone since then. Should the Commission require a copy of this email and also a copy of Mr Berry's response to the meeting onsite, I can forward these on.

- 8) We have also had a Noise Logger placed on our property for 3 weeks. This was carried out by Spectrum Acoustics and EMM Consulting. Below are the results which I have also given to Jonathan Berry from Wedgetail Consulting.

The filtered background noise levels at the respite centre which will be used to determine noise criteria for the project were:

- Day – 30 dB
- Evening – 30 dB
- Night – 27 dB

These are equal or lower to the minimum background noise levels used by the NSW Noise Policy for Industry, so minimum noise criteria will be applicable to the project.

Ambient (LAeq) noise levels aren't really used for any part of this assessment, but since that is what he's requested:

- Day – 56 dB
- Evening – 50 dB
- Night – 40 dB

Cheers,
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- 9) The proponent Mr Williams has made a number of concessions should this quarry receive approval by Planning, and in due course should there be issues regarding Blasting, noise, vibration, dust etc. On reflection some of these concessions would alleviate some of the negative issues resulting from quarrying activities. However once the quarry is operating, issues will be ongoing and some will be unforeseen. The environment that we have been operating in at Six Mile Rd for the last 25 years is unique to us and is our biggest asset to our Disable clients. The introduction of a quarry within such a close proximity to our centre will have impacts and must change the nature of the existing environment. No one can foresee and plan for every eventuality. In the end, should this quarry be approved there can be no stopping its activities. The amounts of rock planned to be removed from

the proposed quarry site are NOT insignificant by any stretch of the imagination. The operating timeframe is also considerable. When my wife and I started Eagleton Ridge we had the opportunity to have lived for 10 years at the site whilst Boral Quarry operated. There were no issues from their operations on our environment during that time. That gave us the confidence of starting the respite centre and we have grown since then to provide our service to the community. We understand that quarrying is a necessary activity for the population, so is providing a service to the Disable Community. Our activities have absolutely NO impact on our neighbours and the surrounding environment. The same cannot be said for the proposed quarry. We would also like to invite panel members or planning personnel to visit our site as was done back in 2016.

Thank you for your time.

Rgds Vince and Belinda Furlonger for EAGLETON RIDGE DISABILITY SERVICES.

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